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SUBJECT: HUGHES AIR DEFENSE SEMINAR

1. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN INSURING THAT HUGHES AIRCRAFT MEETS  
COMMITMENTS TO JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. ON JUNE 1975, HUGHES AIRCRAFT OFFERED AND MADE VERBAL  
COMMITMENT TO JAF COFS LT GEN BEN SHAKER AND RJAF C.O. ABOUD TO  
PROVIDE A SEMINAR ON AIR DEFENSE WITH A SCHEDULED START DATE OF 10  
AUG 75. THIS COMMITMENT WAS SUPPORTED AT HUGHES' REQUEST BY THE  
EMBASSY. ON 30 JULY 1975, MR. EDMOND W. DOSCH, HUGHES DIRECTOR OF  
ME OPERATIONS CALLED ON THE EMBASSY TO INFORM IT THAT HUGHES WISHED T  
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RENEGE ON COMMITMENT. MR. DOSCH WAS TOLD THAT THIS COMMITMENT  
IMPORTANT TO U.S. POLICY AND HE WAS ASKED TO HAVE HUGHES RECONSIDER.  
ON 1 AUG 75, MR. DOSCH INFORMED AIRA THAT HUGHES HAD REVIEWED  
DECISION AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT HONOR ORIGINAL COMMITMENT. DECISION  
WAS MADE BY MR. GEORGE TOD (VP INTL SALES) CULVER CITY, CALIF.

3. THE REASONS FOR RENEGING ON COMMITMENT ARE NOT CLEAR.  
EMBASSY AMMAN HAS ONLY BEEN GIVEN INFORMATION IN GENERAL TERMS WITH  
HINTS OF ISRAELI AND/OR ALLEGED USG PRESSURES. CANCELLATION OF  
THIS IMPORTANT SEMINAR IS NOT LIKELY TO BE WELL RECEIVED IN JORDAN  
AND WILL BE SEEN AS WITHER A RENEGING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH ON OUR  
AIR DEFENSE SUPPORT OR ALTERNATIVELY A SUCCESSFUL ISRAELI LOBBY

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EFFORT WITH HUGHES.

4. THE JORDANIAN MILITARY CONSIDERS THIS SEMINAR HIGHLY IMPORTANT. ALL JORDANIAN SR MILITARY OFFICERS (CGS, RJAF C.O.,ETC.) HAVE PLANNED TO ATTEND. THE SEMINAR WOULD BE AN UNCLASSIFIED PRESENTATION OF KEY ELEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DEVELOPING AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. JORDANIAN DECISIONS ON ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS, ETC., HAVE BEEN DELAYED AWAITING THIS SEMINAR. SEMINAR WAS NOT DESIGNED AS DIRECT SALES PITCH.

5. BECAUSE OF RECENT EVENTS REGARDING AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, I CONSIDER IT EXTREMELY CIRITCAL THAT ALL USG OR USG-SUPPORTED COMMITMENTS CONTINUE TO BE MET TO PREVENT MISINTERPRETATION OF OUR INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS.

6. REQUEST URGENT STATE AND DEFENSE SUPPORT IN ENSURING HUGHES TEAM ARRIVAL ON 10 AUG 1975. CONSIDERING THE SHORT TIME REMAINING WE URGENTLY NEED A RESPONSE TO EITHER CONFIRM OR CANCEL SEMINAR. PICKERING

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